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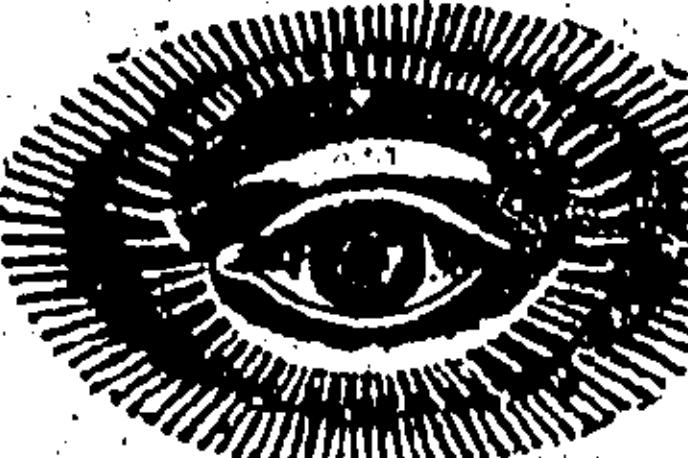
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AT NANKING.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S DIFFICULTIES.

NEW COMMANDERS.

A Lull In The North Kiangsu War Area.

MR. SOONG ATTEMPTING TO RAISE WAR LOAN AT SHAI.

Difficulties are again confronting the Nationalist Government at Nanking, where Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is still trying to make possible the sitting of the fourth plenary session.

Meanwhile Chiang Kai-shek continues to appoint commanders of new army corps and to shuffle other commands about. The object, it is presumed, is to strengthen the position at headquarters of the commander-in-chief.

FUNDS WANTED.

According to news from Chinese sources, Mr. T. V. Soong is still trying to obtain a loan or other temporary revenue at Shanghai as the needs of the Army are urgent.

Ovnight cables state that the war area near Hsueh-fu and the Grand Canal in north Kiangsu is quiet, the Nationalist forces under Chiang Kai-shek's supporters having assembled a number of engines on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway without showing any disposition to move further north to join the Kuomin-chun against Peking.

Troop Movements.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A number of troop movements are reported in the Hupeh-Hunan area. The 4th Wu-Han Army, it is reported, has joined the 8th Human Army which is now retreating from Changsha toward Hengchow-fu.

At Changsha the 35th, and 36th, Hunan Armies are resting, and have been joined by the 19th Wu-Han Army.

Martial law is still in force at Hankow.—British Naval Wireless.

Military Conference.

Peking, Yesterday. It is generally believed that the conference of military officials are finding difficulties in connection with the Presidential question, and it has been decided to shelve it till Feng Yu-hsiang has been eliminated.

Efforts to persuade Chang Tsung-chang to accept the Inspector-Generalship of Chihli and Shantung leaving Sun Chuan-fang in control of Shantung have also evidently failed. Hence the only apparent result of the conference was its decision to attack Feng Yu-hsiang.—Reuter.

Customs Control.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nationalist Finance Minister, in a statement given to Reuter says:—"As the Nationalist Government controls 16 out of the 21 provinces of China, producing nearly 70 per cent. of the Customs Revenue and as the authorities in control in Peking no longer represent the legal successor of former recognised government, the Nationalist Government clearly cannot recognise the right of any other authorities independently to exercise control of the Customs Administration or to appoint an agent to exercise such control."

It is understood that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has abandoned all hope of holding the Fourth Plenary Conference at Nanking.—Reuter.

HANKOW FINANCE.

Extreme Distress in Hupeh.

Hankow, Jan. 16. Probably owing to insufficiency of control over the troops stationed in various localities and to other causes, the Hupeh Provincial Government, which had a monthly revenue of seven to eight million dollars in normal times, is at present obtaining only \$3,000,000 from the Hankow district.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce here has no more financial reserve, as it has already been forced by General Cheng Chien's Army to make a loan of \$8,000,000.

People In Distress.

Owing to the unfavourable re-

EMPIRE EGGS.

Supplying the Home Breakfast.

VOLUNTARY PREFERENCE.

Russia Has Fallen Off As Producer.

London, Yesterday.

Some interesting particulars are contained in a report made by the Imperial Economic Committee on the subject of eggs and poultry.

It is stated that while this country produces nearly half of the eggs which it consumes, it spent in the year 1925 no less than £19,000,000 on imported eggs and £2,250,000 on imported poultry from the Empire and foreign sources. This country requires annually somewhere about 5,700,000,000 eggs.

Out of every thousand eggs which it consumed in 1925 433 were produced at home, 95 came from the Irish Free State, five each from Canada and South Africa, and three from Australia. There were 460 of foreign origin distributed chiefly as follows: from China 138, Denmark 121, Russia 47, Netherlands 35, Egypt and Poland 22 each, Belgium 21, Italy 11, Latvia and Lithuania 27, and Argentina 10.

It is evident, therefore, states the report, that there is room for voluntary preference on the part of home consumers in favour of Empire eggs. The report adds that whereas just before the war Russia supplied 50 per cent. of imports of eggs and Denmark 20 per cent. now Russia, Latvia and Lithuania send only a small proportion, whilst Denmark, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, and China have substantially increased their share and, taken together, represent 80 per cent. of the trade from foreign sources.

The displacement of Russia by Denmark, the Netherlands and Belgium involves more than the substitution of one source of supply for another. Eggs coming from these three countries are generally of superior quality, grading and packing for those who were received from Russia in pre-war days and command prices in London comparable with those of English eggs.

Further, the introduction of marketing and export regulations in the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland, South Africa and Australia in the last three years has caused a marked improvement in eggs received from these sources.—British Wireless Service.

WIRELESS PROGRESS.

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PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

New York, Yesterday. The Commercial Cable Company confirm the reports that they are taking over the wireless station at Sayville, Long Island, with the object of opening a wireless service to Europe.

As soon as arrangements are completed with foreign Governments the Company will build receiving stations in Europe.—Reuter's American Service.

MEXICAN FIGHT.

HEAVY ENGAGEMENT WITH REBELS.

OVER FIFTY KILLED.

Nogales (Arizona), Yesterday. The United States Consul, Mr. Mazatlan, who has arrived at Nogales, reports that there was a heavy engagement last week at Ixtlan, Jalisco, between Federal troops and rebels, in which several hundred rebels participated. There were 37 rebels and 14 of the Federal troops killed.—Reuter's American Service.

BLANCO IBANEZ.

SPANISH NOVELIST SERIOUSLY ILL.

Mentone, Yesterday. The condition of the Spanish novelist, Blanco Ibanez, is disquieting. He is suffering from Bronchitis and Diabetes.—Reuter.

FAULTY FUSE.

The fire brigade received a call yesterday to a charcoal shop, at 52 Bonham Strand, East. The fire was soon under control and very little damage was done. It was found later that a faulty electric fuse was responsible for the outbreak.

WANDERING LUNATIC.

A Chinese male was found wandering by the Police around the vicinity of No. 8 The Peak yesterday. When questioned, he said he had no work and no place to sleep. He was later sent to the Lunatic Asylum as he was found to be insane.

PAPER MONEY.

Bottom Out of Canton Market.

GOVT. DECISION.

Efforts to Raise Loan Not Proving Successful.

Highly unfavourable impressions have been caused by the Canton Government's decision to accept not more than twenty per cent. of its own banknotes in payment of taxes, and paper money was refused widely in Canton yesterday.

Several rumours are current as to remedies which the Canton Government may possibly adopt but the bottom has been knocked out of the market. Merchants estimate that the issue of the Central Bank of China, Canton, under the auspices of the Nationalist authorities, amount to "several tens" of millions of dollars. No official buying quotations are available either in Hong Kong or Canton but it is thought that the notes are still worth from 10 to 15 per cent. of their face value (in silver).

Loan Efforts.

Negotiations by the Canton authorities to raise a loan, either from the public, or from outside sources, have not been very successful. There is talk of \$5,000,000 loan, with Hong Kong fin-

WAR PREVENTION.

Duty Of League Council.

GERMAN MEMORANDUM.

Building A House From Roof Downward.

Berlin, Yesterday. The German Government in a memorandum to the League Security Committee, which is at present meeting at Prague, expresses the opinion that the Committee's work should be practical and not theoretical. It urges the Committee to propose measures for the speedy and effective intervention of the League Council, whose duty is to prevent armed conflict.

It is of opinion that the effectiveness of all securities would be greatly strengthened if general disarmament were finally reached. The creation of allied groups within the League with the object of protection against other League members might easily lead to a breach and hinder joint action in times of crisis. The problem must be dealt with radically. If occasions of war and the question of military sanctions are the basis of the Committee's work it would be like trying to build a house from the roof downward.—Reuter.

SOVIET OIL.

ORDER BY U.S. SHIPPING BOARD.

NO OFFICIAL APPROVAL.

Washington, Yesterday.

A report that the United States Shipping Board has ordered 24,000 tons of oil, presumably Russian, from the Standard Oil Company of New York to be delivered at Near Eastern ports, has led the Government to deny that it thereby tacitly approved of trade relations between the company and the Soviet. It is officially stated that the Government is now in no way involved in the transaction as the ordering of oil is a matter of routine which is carried out by the Shipping Board and in making contracts the source of the oil is not specified.—Reuter's American Service.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are announced in to-day's "Gazette":—

Second-Lieutenant Robert Spiers

Logan to the rank of Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from January 20, 1928.

Lieutenant Thomas Addis Martin, to be Captain, H.K.V.D.C.

Second Lieutenant Charles Peake Anderson, M.C., to be Lieutenant, H.K.V.D.C.

Year because trouble was anticipated.

Police, soldiers and the volunteer militia combined in rigorous searches of labour unions and abodes of suspected characters.

At night craft were prohibited

from passing along the channel from Pakkai (the port) to Kongmoon (the city). A steam launch had several volleys fired at her for failing to answer the military guards but nobody was struck.—Our own correspondent.

THE RED SCARE.

Vigilance Maintained Last Night.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

The R.A.F. flying boats have

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HELENA MAY LECTURE.

There will be a public lecture at

the Helena May on Monday, Febr-

uary 6, at 5.30 p.m. Subject "Evo-

lution of the Intelligence" by Dr.

J. L. Shellshew.

BITTEN BY MONGREL.

A Chinese male, Lai Po-ngrai,

aged 48, residing at 67 Albany

Street, was bitten on the leg by a

mongrel dog owned by Chan Ni-po

residing at 3 Old Bailey Street.

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E. J. EDWARDS.

District Grand Master Depute, Hong Kong, 26th January, 1928.

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Not all of these can hope to become the queens of the future. Possibly some of them may have no such desire. They have seen the happy outcome of their British cousin's marriage to a member of the nobility, and their modern upbringing has also enabled them to think largely for themselves in such important matters. But the State marriage is not a thing of the past. The diplomats of Europe will say that an alliance with the Spanish House of Bourbon would undoubtedly favour Italian ambitions in the Western Mediterranean; that a more personal bond between Italy and Bulgaria would assist Italian policy in the Balkans.

Hence the rumours concerning the two Italian princesses. In the same way, speculations put the Infanta Beatrice of Spain in line for the throne of Italy. This fair-haired daughter of a British princess is one of the happiest of all Europe's "queenlings". Her tomboy pranks have endeared her to the Spaniards, and the fact that she has been brought up as a British girl, with all a British girl's love of freedom, militates against her being driven into a purely diplomatic marriage.

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Princess Neana of Roumania, is the beauty of the Balkans. Some say that she will bring back the Monarchy to Hungary, when she marries the Archduke Albrecht.

Others link her name with King Boris of Bulgaria. Slender, graceful, fresh-complexioned, she is full of life and laughter. She also has her serious side. Once, during the war, she spent a large sum of money given on her birthday, on buying meat for the soldiers at one of the hospitals. When she went to make her gift, the wounded men cheered, for meat was a rare dish to them in those trying times. Then there is Eudoxie, of Bulgaria, whose serious turn of mind values the situation; for the story goes that when she entered for the law course at the University of Leyden, one of her friends asked her reason for so doing. She replied: "When the time comes for me to be Queen of Holland, it is possible that my countrymen will not want a queen. In that event, I should like to be a lawyer."

There are those who look to one or other of these young princesses to become the future Queen of Britain. Martha, of Sweden, Feodora of Denmark, even, the young Ingrid of Sweden, have been mentioned from time to time. It is foolish speculation. When the Prince of Wales decides to marry, he will choose his own bride. But it is well known that in majority of cases love is a predominant factor, even with Royalty. Children of the Royal House are more untrammelled than were their forbears. They are more vivacious. They live open lives, in keeping with the spirit of the age. Hence they are attractive in themselves, and they meet one another on level ground. The Royal marriage of the twentieth century may still be one of State and diplomacy; but to the young people themselves that is of only secondary importance. Love is there—which is all that counts.

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SAFE ARRIVAL AT TSINGTAO.

Shanghai, Jan. 27.

The "Evening News" publishes a telegram from "Taingtao" to the effect that the s.s. "Praga" arrived in spite of an attempt of the Nationalist gunboat "Feihu" to hold her up on Wednesday morning off Shantung.

The "Praga" is alleged to have ignored the "Feihu's" signals, and exchanged gunfire for three hours before out-distancing the "Feihu."

ENGINE EFFICIENCY.

MESSRS. JAMES HOWDEN'S NEW ACTIVITIES.

The economical performance of the marine oil engine and the good results which are being obtained with certain types of improved marine reciprocating engines, have indirectly caused more attention to be paid to the efficiency of the marine steam turbine. That form of prime mover was, until comparatively recently, a less efficient unit than was the land turbine for equivalent outputs, partly on account of the steam conditions under which it is called upon to work, and partly owing to the details of design adopted in certain types of marine turbines.

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THIRD TO WIN PLACE ON SHIPWOMEN'S REGISTERS.

A third woman skipper has made her appearance on the world's registers of ship-masters, says the "Sunday News."

A fair-haired, blue-eyed Norwegian girl aged 19, made a special request to the Norwegian Government to be allowed to sit as candidate for a master mariner's certificate.

As the Act under which ship captains and officers were examined did not provide for women, some difficulty was experienced. Miss Gudrun Tragstad, of Oslo, however, persisted in her application to be examined for the highest qualification attainable in the sea service of her country.

Upon making inquiries, the Government found that a full certificate as master mariner had been granted by the British Government to Lady Ernestine Hunt. They also discovered that the American Government had allowed a shipmaster's widow to sit for an examination as master, which entitled her to take command of a ship which was formerly in charge of her husband.

Finally, therefore, the Norwegian Government allowed Miss Tragstad to compete for the examination, and she successfully passed at the first attempt.

She has had several years' experience at sea as quartermaster on board her father's ship, and now, in her smart white and blue uniform, complete with naval cap and badge, she struts the bridge, mistress of all she surveys—a lady Viking of the seas.

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GIGANTIC CUNARDER TWO DAYS LATE.

New York, Yesterday.

Owing to very fierce gale raging in the Atlantic the famous Cunard liner s.s. "Aquitania" arrived from Southampton two days late, with the windows of the upper-decks, port-holes, and deck equipment damaged. The waves at one time dashed against the bridge 70 feet above the waterline.—British Wireless Service.

I MUST HAVE £600.

A WEALTHY WIDOW BLACKMAILED.

GUEST AT SCOTTISH HOUSE.

Four years' penal servitude was the sentence passed on Hubert White Barrett, a young man, who at the Old Bailey, London, pleaded guilty to uttering a letter demanding £600 with menaces, from Mrs. Jessie Taylor, a well-to-do widow.

Mr. J. A. C. Keeves, prosecuting, stated that in 1925 Mrs. Taylor was touring in India when she made the acquaintance of Barrett, who showed her many kindnesses. As a result a friendship sprang up between them. In 1926 he wrote to her saying he was returning to England, and she invited him to stay at her house in Scotland. In January this year she advanced him £300, and in August he again stayed at her house.

From that time he repeatedly asked her for money, and she gave him another £170 at various times.

"I Have Turned Criminal."

On October 26 he wrote the blackmailing letter, in which he said—"I must have £600, and to get this I have turned criminal." He went on to say that he had written a number of letters to her relatives and friends making reflections on her character, and that these would be posted if the money did not arrive by a certain date.

When Barrett was arrested he said—"I must have been criminally mad to write such a letter. It was only bluff."

Prisoner's Sorrow.

Mr. Francis Peregrine, defending, said the case was very different from the usual blackmailing case. Barrett was working in India when Mrs. Taylor had a nervous breakdown, and was left without friends or money. He paid all the necessary expenses for her and travelled with her several hundred miles, and arranged for her return passage to England.

Barrett from the dock said he wished to express his regret to Mrs. Taylor, who, he said, had always been a woman of splendid character.

"Callous Blackmailer."

Passing sentence, the Recorder described Barrett as "callous, cold-hearted blackmailer in circumstances of peculiar aggravation."

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	29th Feb.	Straits & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
HIVA	9,125	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	9,085	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMAKA	9,123	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,940	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	15,604	14th April	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,986	22nd May	Marseilles & London
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MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	9,066	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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HAZARDOUS PLAN IN OPEN BOAT.

CALCUTTA TO AUSTRALIA.

Bombay, Jan. 7. Mrs. Ivy Hercombe, a young married woman, is taking part in a perilous attempt to reach Australia from Calcutta in an open ship's lifeboat, with her husband and another man as companions.

Mr. Hercombe is a young medical student, who emigrated from Canada to India some years ago. He was, until recently, the secretary of the marine Club, Calcutta.

The third member of the party is Mr. Bugg, Assistant Marine Superintendent at the Garden Reach workshops.

Mr. Bugg, who will be the leader of the expedition, has spent most of his life at sea, with the exception of adventurous interludes ashore in various parts of the world, and it was his inspiration that led his two companions to essay the amazing exploit.

Two days ago Mr. Bugg suddenly threw up his position as Assistant Marine Superintendent at the Garden Reach Workshops, where he was employed by Messrs. McNeill and Company, shipping agents, and, hastily equipping his small craft with enough provisions to last for several weeks, put the finishing touches to the boat in preparation for the voyage.

Intimate friends of the adventurers have appealed to them in vain to abandon their foolhardy idea, as it seemed to them.

But all three members of the party are confident of success, and expect to complete the voyage in two months.

The boat is less than 30 feet in length, and has been specially equipped for the voyage.

FREIGHT MARKET.

SLIGHT ACTIVITY IN SHANGHAI.

Messrs. Wheelock & Co.'s report for the fortnight ending January 19 states:

The situation in our Outward Freight markets we find to be as follows:-

To United Kingdom and Continent:-Our local export market has been fairly active during the past fortnight and we think that the approach of Chinese New Year is, to a great extent, the cause of the slight increase in activity.

From Hankow there seems to be plenty of cargo offering, but the extraordinarily low state of the water in the Yangtze is making it very difficult to secure sufficient river tonnage to bring the cargo down stream.

For early Spring shipment, the rates from Dairen and Vladivostok are somewhat firmer—but prospects for Summer months are not good.—There is practically no demand for tank-space for bulk-oil at the present time.

The next steamers to load on this berth are as follows:-

Sailing Jan.

Marseilles, London, “Antenor” ... 21

Marseilles, Bremen, “Koenigberg” ... 22

London, Hamburg, “Gleniffer” ... 22

Genoa, Hamburg, “Zosma” ... 23

Marseilles, London, “Haruna Maru” ... 24

Genoa, Marseilles, “President Wilson” ... 25

Marseilles, “Angera” ... 28

Oran, Dunkirk, “Lt. St. Loubert Bie” ... 30

Feb.

Marseilles, Liverpool, “Delagoa Maru” ... 4

To United States via Pacific and Canals:-This market is a little firmer as regards commodities moving to the U.S.A. owing to the proximity of Chinese New Year but, of course, nothing like what it should be, if conditions were normal! What conditions will be like after the New Year, it is hard to predict! but a great deal will depend upon the markets in the States!

America has not been buying very heavily for some time and it looks as if she might be coming in more heavily shortly.

The next steamers to load for New Year direct are as follows:-

Sailing Jan.

Str. “President Wilson” via Suez ... 25

Str. “Japanese Prince” via Suez ... 26

Feb.

Str. “President van Buren” via Suez ... 8

Str. “Tatsuno Maru” via Panama ... 14

Str. “Chinese Prince” via Suez ... 18

Constwise:-As predicted in our last issue—the Coast and River trades are practically at a standstill for the time being, largely on account of the imminence of Chinese New Year.

The water in the Yangtze, after falling to the extraordinarily low level of 9 feet, has shown a tendency to rise again and now stands at about 12 feet, but it is impossible to say, as yet, whether this draft will be maintained.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. “D'Artagnan” are advised that all claims must be sent in before January 30.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. “City of Madras” are required to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 1.

THE “BERMUDA.”

A LUXURY MOTOR SHIP'S TRIALS.

The new motor liner “Bermuda,” which was launched from the yard of Messrs. Workman Clark and Co., Ltd., in July, was undergoing a series of trials on the Clyde and in the Irish Sea in mail week.

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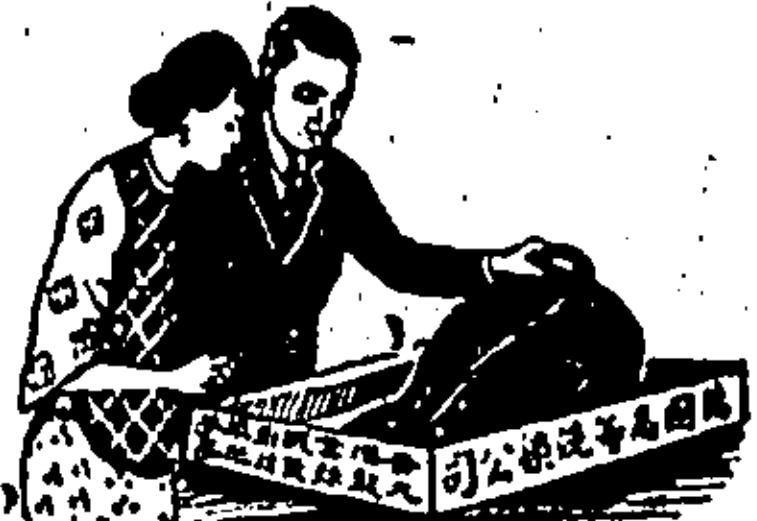
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SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The outstanding political event of the week so far as the South is concerned has been Chiang Kai-shek's more or less definite repudiation of the Kwangsi faction now governing Canton. The most outstanding military event over the same period has been Li Chai-sum's succession of victories over the Ironsides and the resultant decrease in danger to Swatow.

Politics, as any student of Chinese affairs knows, predominate in the scheme of things and their battles, though bloodless, are of far-reaching import. Facts between various factions are constantly being consummated, seemingly lightly. Each pact, however, provokes a counter-pact. General Chiang Kai-shek, whatever his personal feelings toward Canton may be, has been compelled by political exigencies to declare his repudiation of his former lieutenant who now holds the reins in the Southern capital.

Feng Yu-hsiang, whatever the strength of his Honan force may be—and he has little else behind him—has small hope of getting anywhere near the capital. A similar expression of opinion was made in these columns in regard to the announcement of Chiang Kai-shek that he would undertake a march upon the Capital. The fact of the matter is that there does not exist a force in China—or even a combination of forces—likely to prove strong enough to overthrow the power of the little man from Mukden.

The defence was that Gunder had paid no maintenance towards the upkeep of his wife, and that his whole story was a pure fabrication designed to evade his obligations. It was not true that as husband and wife they were absolute strangers.

The landlord of the house stated that he found Mrs. Gunder lying on the bedroom floor in her night clothes while the husband was

"DELIBERATE LIES."

LOAN TO OFFICER WHO LATER DEFAULTED.

"A FRIEND'S DEBTS."

A loan made to an officer of an association which was described by counsel as "a charity created under Royal Charity by Earl Haig" was the subject of an action heard in the King's Bench Division, London, by Mr. Justice MacKinnon.

The plaintiffs, the Officers' Association (Auxiliary) (Limited), of Eaton Square, London, sued Major John Gardner Chapple, of East Halton Camp, Wendover, and Mr. Isaac Fairclough Thomas, of Blackheath, to recover £227, the balance of a loan made to Major Chapple by the Association. Judgment had been signed against Major Chapple.

Electrical Business.

For the plaintiffs, Mr. W. B. Franklin said that one of the Association's activities was lending money, on which no interest was charged, to ex-officers who desired to purchase business. In June, 1926, Major Chapple applied for a loan to enable him to purchase an electrical business and was granted £231, after he had signed an agreement and obtained the signature of Mr. Thomas as surety.

The agreement provided for the repayment of the loan by monthly instalments of £7, but Major Chapple defaulted immediately. Eventually the Association wrote to Mr. Thomas asking for a cheque for £231, and Mr. Thomas replied that it was impossible for him to pay, as he had no capital and no assets.

"Matter of Form."

He stated that when he signed the agreement he was told by Major Chapple that it was a matter of form, and he did not realise that he was taking on any liability.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice MacKinnon said that in any ordinary case one felt some sympathy for a defendant who was sued on guarantee—a promise which he made out of kindness of heart—to be responsible for a friend's debts. But, continued the Judge, I am satisfied beyond any shadow of doubt that both in his affidavit and in the witness-box Mr. Thomas has told deliberate lies, and has committed perjury.

There would be judgment for the Association for the amount claimed, with costs.

The Judge added that he had no doubt that the Association was an excellent institution, and that its activities had munificent results.

UNKNOWN BRIDE.

AMAZING STORY OF £300
FEE.

PA-IN-LAW WITH A POKER.

An amazing story of a man accepting a fee of £300 for marrying a girl whom he had never seen before she entered a Registrar's office, was told to the Manchester City Magistrates.

The case was described by Mr. T. H. Hinchliffe, in opening: as one of the most extraordinary that had ever come before a court of law. He represented Henry Gunter, living with his parents in Pemberton Street, Hightown.

Gunter accused his wife, Beatie Gunter, living with her father in Knowsley Street, Cheetham, and her father, David Halfen, of assault. The wife counter-charged Gunter with thrashing her.

Mr. Hinchliffe said that when the marriage took place in the Registrar's office last August, Gunter had never seen the girl before. He received £50 at the ceremony, and £250 later. The money was paid into the bank, but it was withdrawn by the girl by a subterfuge and the "hire purchase system"—as Mr. Hinchliffe said he would call it—came to an end.

Never Had a Kiss.

These young people, he said, have never lived together or had a kiss yet.

His wife came to see him after it had been suggested that they should come together. She was in nasty temper, and after striking him as he lay in bed, she ran to the door shouting "Murder!" and "Police!" She came back and struck him again. The father-in-law entered the room armed with a poker and struck Gunter.

Gunter, in protecting his head, received a blow on the arm, and was so frightened that he jumped through a window half naked and escaped.

The defence was that Gunter had paid no maintenance towards the upkeep of his wife, and that his whole story was a pure fabrication designed to evade his obligations.

It was not true that as husband and wife they were absolute strangers.

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RAFFLES COLLEGE.

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PROGRESS OF SCHEME.

The Raffles College scheme in Singapore is making good progress on both its architectural and administrative sides, and the College is expected to open with thirty or more students in June. The main lines of the \$1,000,000 building scheme are already appearing, and a description of the College buildings and lay-out of the site is given below.

The College will be the first institution of its kind in this part of the world, and the project which is now nearing completion, after over two years work, first came into being as the result of proposals to celebrate the centenary of the founding of Singapore by Sir Stamford Raffles.

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College Buildings and Grounds.

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LIFE OF EASE.

FORGER'S STOLEN CHEQUE BOOK.

By means of a stolen cheque book, a man believed to be a well-known forger has for several months been living a life of ease in the north of England, but the victimisation of a Chester jeweller led to the discovery of an amazing series of frauds and a warrant for the man's arrest.

The cheque-book belonged to Miss Beatrice Davies, of Penrhyn Crescent, Llandudno, and was drawn on the Llandudno branch of Lloyds Bank.

The man, who claimed to be a retired Army captain, is about 30, and is described by those who have met him as having twinkling brown eyes and a pleasant expression.

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Meetings.

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Ramon Novarro as the galley slave and charioteer, May McAvoy as the sweet Esther, and Francis X. Bushman as the cruel centurion, exert a potent magnetism on every spectator. This magnificent attraction, which cost \$4,000,000 to produce, will be seen at the Queen's Theatre on Monday next. Owing to the length of the film, only three performances can be given daily, and these start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

TO-DAY'S FILMS.

Buster Keaton's delightful comedy, "College," which has been drawing crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre since Thursday, will be screened for the last time this evening. Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are Charlie Chaplin's famous production, "The Gold Rush," at the World Theatre, and Leatrice Joy's melodrama of the city and a tropical island, "The Wedding Song," at the Star Theatre.

LIFE OF EASE.

FORGER'S STOLEN CHEQUE BOOK.

By means of a stolen cheque-book, a man believed to be a well-known forger has for several months been living a life of ease in the north of England, but the victimisation of a Chester jeweller led to the discovery of an amazing series of frauds and a warrant for the man's arrest.

The cheque-book belonged to Miss Beatrice Davies, of Penrhyn Crescent, Llandudno, and was drawn on the Llandudno branch of Lloyds Bank.

The man, who claimed to be a retired Army captain, is about 30, and is described by those who have met him as having twinkling brown eyes and a pleasant expression.

With his wife and two children he stayed in Chester for several months, and when he was in need of money he visited Lloyds Bank with a forged cheque. He made his first successful attempt in October, when he secured £100, and then he became an almost weekly visitor until December 9, when he was last seen on the bank premises, and then left with £200. He gathered £50 in six visits.

He visited Manchester, where he sold his motor-car for £6. He altered the sum to £60, and returned to Chester, where he passed the cheque at a jeweller's shop. When the cheque reached Manchester the drawer discovered the forgery, and the police are now searching for the man.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; Buster Keaton in "College."

To-day—World Theatre; "Gold Rush."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Wedding Song."

January 29—Queen's Theatre; "The Irresistible Lover."

January 29—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; Musical Evening, 7.30 p.m.

January 29-31—Star Theatre; "The Desert's Toll."

January 29-31—World Theatre; "Way Down East."

January 30-February 6—Queen's Theatre; "Ben Hur."

January 31-February 1—Star Theatre; "The Taxi Dancer."

February 6—Dance at the Royal Engineers' Dance Club, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelor's Dance.

Sports.

To-day—American lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Farnham.

Lambers' Auction.

January 30—at the Race Course, Happy Valley, a quantity of timber hut material (new), 10.45 a.m.

January 30—at Block "E," Victoria Barracks, a quantity of timber hut material (new), 11.30 a.m.

January 30—at No. 4 Godown of the H.K. & K.W. & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 75 kegs of wire nails and 6 kegs two ends pointed wire nails, 2.15 p.m.

January 30—at 7 Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—at Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable household property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

February 2—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, City Hall, 12.15 p.m.

February 7—Twenty-third annual meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

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Now that the University Association match is over, Chelsea will in all probability have the services of R. G. Jenkins, the Dark Blues' inside or outside right, although in the Cup-ties it is likely that he will prefer to assist the Corinthians.

The following events will take place at the Queen's Buildings, next week:

Sunday, January 29, a Musical Evening commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31, a Sing Song commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, February 1, Whist Drive commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Thursday, February 2, an Impromptu Dance commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Friday, February 3, Concert and Dance commencing at 7.30 p.m. All service men are heartily invited.

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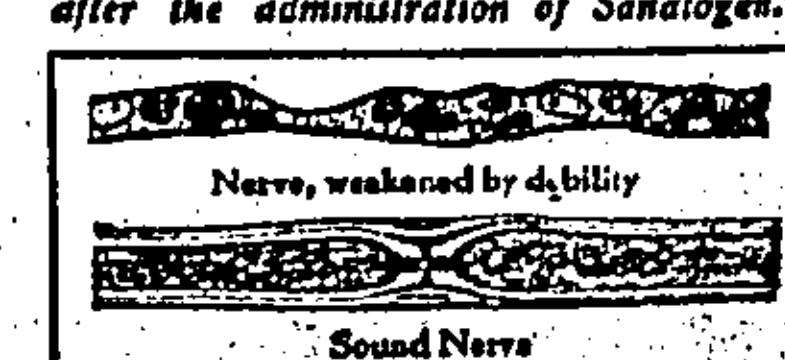
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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The King received in audience Mr. James McNeill, the newly appointed Governor-General of the Irish Free State.

Mr. George Bonar, jute manufacturer, of Dundee, has given £4,000 to establish a commercial college in Dundee.

The funeral took place last week of Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. J. W. Jones, of the Straits Trading Company, Limited, Singapore.

It is reported from Lisbon that General Ivens Ferraz succeeds the late Commander Joao Belo as Portuguese Minister of the Colonies.

Mr. H. W. Morgan, of Messrs. Harrisons, Barker, Kuala Lumpur, who recently underwent an operation in Singapore, has gone to Brastagi.

Eighteen funeral urns containing cremated human remains believed to belong to the Bronze or Iron Age have been found near Romsey, Hampshire.

It was announced at the 82nd festival of the Royal Commercial Travellers' Schools, Pinner, that the total of the festival subscription list was £24,546.

The Swedish steamer "Astia" (10,960 tons) was sunk in a collision off May Island in the Firth of Forth, with the Leith steamer "Breslau" (1,366 tons) all her crew of 19 being saved.

Mr. C. F. Hewett (Sungai Wangi), Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jesselyn (Suffolk), Mr. W. Eagle Bow and Mr. and Mrs. W. Eaton (Walbrook estate) have recently returned to the Lumut district from Home leave.

The Southern Railway Company were fined 40s., and costs at the Mansion House for selling milk at the refreshment buffet at Cannon Street Station, E.C., which was adulterated with 11 per cent. of added water.

Mr. Harry Macdonald, who was formerly very well known in Bangkok business circles, but who has recently joined N. V. General Motors, Ltd. (in Java), has been motoring up from Singapore on a business visit, and left by car for Singora.

John Harvey, the Welsh member of the French Foreign Legion whose sentence of eight years imprisonment for desertion was remitted at the request of the British Government, has been instructed to rejoin his regiment to complete his term of service.

The British Motor Manufacturers' Association intends to spend a large sum in the next few months on advertising British cars in New Zealand, where sales of foreign cars are dropping considerably, and local dealers will contribute a similar amount for co-operative campaign.

A young military student travelling in a sleeper by the Melbourne express dreamt he was in the wrong train and jumped out while the train was running at 25 miles an hour. When he was awakened by the fall he saw the lights of a station and walked there, asking the stationmaster to arrange for his catching the next train to Adelaide.

The case in which the Union Textile Syndicate of the U.S.S.R. was sued by its former manager, P. Nossov, for three months salary and travelling expenses from Tientsin to Shanghai amounting to \$1,460, was withdrawn in the Provisional Court, plaintiff stating that a compromise had been arrived at whereby he would be paid \$620 in full settlement of his claim and he would pay the costs. Dr. F. Wilhelm, who appeared for defendants, confirmed this.

Last week's mail from India brought the news that Rao Bahadur D. Arulanandam Pillai, former Government of India Agent in Malaya, is likely to be nominated as the Indian Christian member of the Madras Legislative Assembly in succession to Professor M. Ruthnaswamy, who is making up the Principalship of the Law College, Madras—a Government appointment. The Rao Bahadur's many friends in Malaya sincerely hope that there is substance behind this rumour.—M.T."

In the Shanghai Provisional Court, Judge John C. H. Wu made reference to the appearance of foreign legal practitioners and remarked that, at a recent meeting of Judges, it was decided that lawyers who did not enjoy extraterritorial rights, and who were within the jurisdiction of the Court, as well as Chinese practitioners, could appear in all cases, purely Chinese cases included. The privilege of appearing in purely Chinese cases was limited to these and it could not be enjoyed by foreign lawyers who were citizens of countries not amenable to the Court.

Tor Bay, Devon, is enjoying a remarkable sprat season.

Fifty ounces of cocaine were seized on board the "Seang Bee" on arrival at Singapore from China.

Among the eleven deacons or dairies in Liverpool Cathedral was Mr. Arthur Herbert Proctor, V.C.

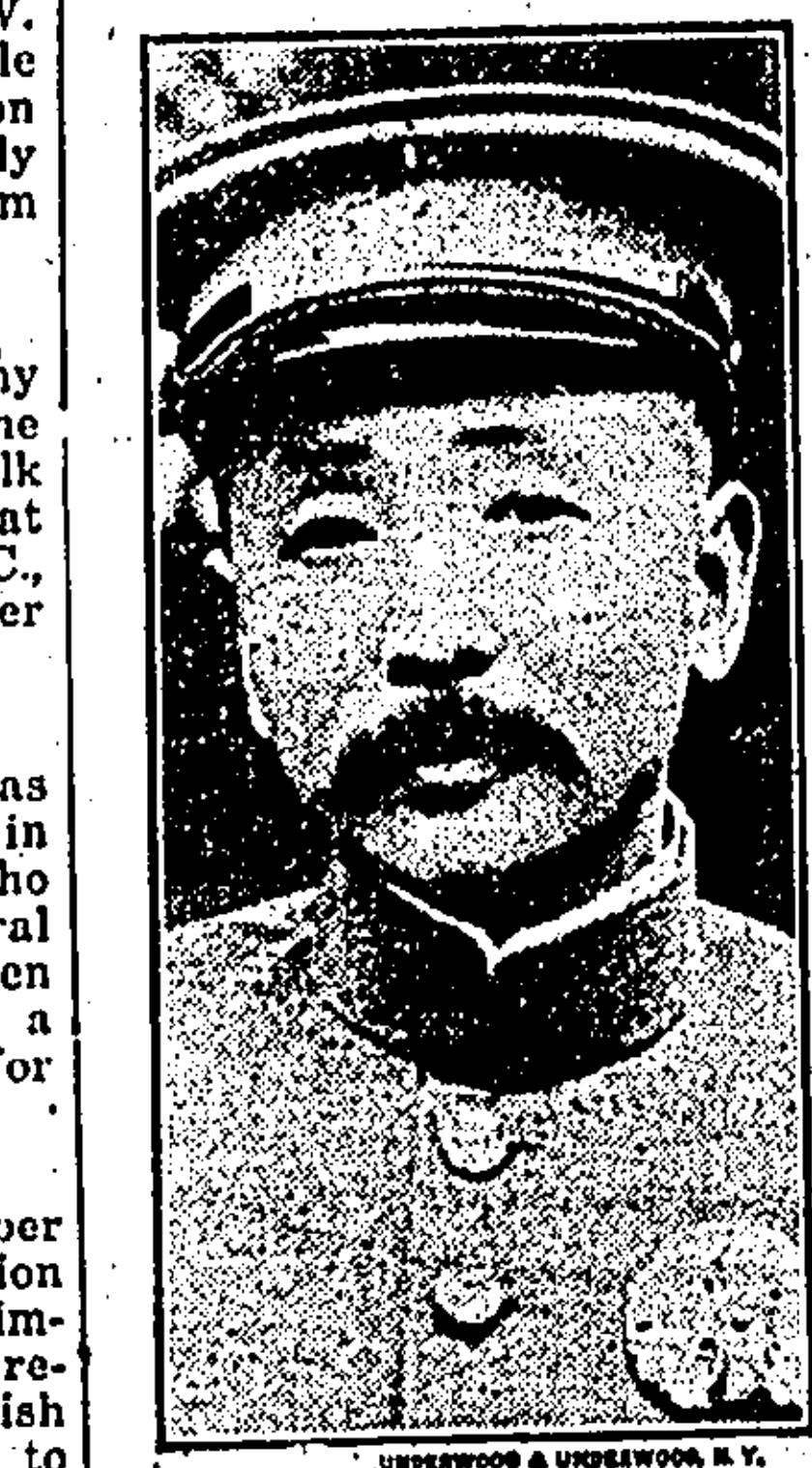
The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society will take place at the City Hall on February 2 at 12.15 p.m.

Master N. Bojesen, the 11-year-old Danish schoolboy who was so seriously hurt when getting off a Shanghai tramcar has succumbed to his injuries.

The body recovered from the cliffs at Beachy Head has been identified as that of Miss Ethel Whitshire Bincker, aged 49, of Overhill Road, Dulwich, S.E., a secretary, who had been missing since December 10.

When the a.s.a. "Talamba" arrived here from Calcutta and Straits ports yesterday she brought a new battalion of Indian troops, namely the 3/15th Punjab Regiment. This Regiment is commanded by Lieutenant-Col. H. T. C. Ivens, and there are ten British officers, 17 Indian officers, and 883 men.

Mr. W. S. Morrison, a barrister, who in 1923 and 1924 unsuccessfully contested the Western Isles division of Inverness-shire, has been chosen as prospective Conservative candidate for the Gloucester and Tewkesbury division of Gloucestershire, in place of Sir Thomas Davies, who will not seek re-election.



Chang Tao-lin, former shepherd boy and now China's most powerful war-lord.

Evan Lloyd, aged 28, of Osborne-Terrace, Clapham, S.W., was knocked down and killed by a motor-car in Park-lane, near Stanhope-gate, W. A car alleged to have caused the accident was found in a garage in Winchmore-hill, N. The driver, Clifford Lewis, of New Southgate, N., who is alleged to have made a statement, was charged with manslaughter.

Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor of the Straits Settlements, accompanied by Lady Clifford, is to arrive in Bangkok on February 6, and leave on February 12 for Saigon, travelling overland. An elaborate programme has been arranged, including a trip to Ayuthia, the ancient capital of Siam. On the way up a night will be spent at Hua Hin. On February 7 the Governor will be received by the King.

The attention of cinema-goers is drawn to the fact that, owing to the exceptional length of the film, there will be only three performances of "Ben-Hur" daily, and these will begin promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15. The picture begins a run of eight days at the Queen's Theatre on Monday next, January 30. A special booking counter has been opened in the lobby of the Queen's Theatre, where seats for the dress circle and back stalls may now be reserved for the entire season.

A tea party was given at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant yesterday by Khan Sahib Inspector Nawab Khan and Sardar Sahib Inspector Mohinder Singh, of the Hong Kong Police, in commemoration of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, obtaining the K.C.M.G. The guests included:—The Hon. Sir Shou-son and Lady Chow, Sir Henry Collan, Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, Mr. Justice R. Wood and Mrs. Wood, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Mr. P. P. J. Wadehouse, C. I. E. and Mrs. Wadehouse, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. V. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franks, The Hon. Mr. D. W. Tratman and Mrs. Tratman, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. H. Green, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kent, Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Major C. Williamson, Mr. Bishen-Singh, Mr. C. R. Sayer, Mr. A. E. Wood, Dr. Valentine, Mr. W. Schofield, Dr. S. W. Tao, Dr. Samy, Capt. Kenedy, Dr. J. T. Smalley, Dr. G. H. Thomas, Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. E. W. Hamilon, Mr. L. H. C. Calthorpe, Mr. W. R. Scott, and Mr. F. Mow Fun.

The marriage took place at the Church of the Assumption, Penang, the Rev. A. Devlin officiating, of Mr. Bernard S. C. Doral, of the Government Posts and Telegraphs, son of the late Mr. P. R. A. Doral and Mrs. Doral, with Miss Matilda Lillian Lesslar, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lesslar. The bride, who had Miss Freeman as bridesmaid, was given away by her father. Dr. H. A. Phipps, was bestman. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Eurasian Volunteer Club, where the customary toasts were duly pledged and honoured.

Mr. H. Somerville, Director of Mansfield & Co., Singapore, arrived in Penang by the a.s.a. "Patroclus" on a visit of inspection.

Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth and Co., Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne, are to build an oil-tanker for the Anglo-Saxon Oil Company.

Dr. R. S. Thatcher, music master of Charterhouse, has been appointed director of music at Harrow, in succession to Dr. Percy Buck.

The portrait by William Owen of James Townley, exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1799, realised £483 at Messrs. Christie's.

The body of a four-days-old child who had been strangled with a piece of string, was found in a suitcase which had been left under a writing shelf in the Sydney General Post Office.

William Benley, a ganger of 19 Hanbury Street, Watford, and W. Chandler, a plate-layer of 82, Neal Street, Watford, were run over and killed by an electric train at Watford.

Frederick John Branscombe, aged 22, of Raymouth Road, Rotherhithe, a film operator, whose motor-cycle crashed into a wall at Lewisham, died in hospital from a fractured skull.

The poll of the Liverpool Cotton Association resulted in a majority for favour of the proposal that mills with floating charges on their assets should pay cash before delivery, 233 voting in favour and 137 against.

Earl Egbert Everden Hughes, aged 61, of High Street, Sydenham, was sentenced at Bow Street to two months' hard labour for being drunk in charge of a taxicab, which overturned in Parliament-square, the six occupants being injured.

The King has approved the following appointments:—Vice Admiral William Fisher to be Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff in succession to Vice Admiral Vernon Haggard, to be Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of Supplies and Transport in succession to Vice Admiral Fisher.

The skeleton of a woman with the skull smashed in was found beneath some leafless bushes in a wood at Hollington, near Hastings, by two brothers, William Lee and Albert Lee, of Hollington. A set of false teeth lay near. The condition of the skeleton indicates that it had probably been lying there for some months. The wood, which is near a picturesque church known as the Church in the Wood, is a favourite resort of visitors in summer.

It is expected that about ten Shanghai Chinese banks which closed at the end of the Chinese financial year will not re-open for business after the holidays. Their decision to remain closed is partly due, it is reported, to the demands made upon them by the Nationalist Government and partly to the dull state of business. Although some of these banks commenced with a capital of \$30,000, they are now being asked to pay this sum as a contribution to the Nationalist Government in one instalment.

The Hon. Mr. H. Fairburn, Inspector-General of Police, returned to Singapore after a visit to the "Hakusan Maru" after a visit to Hong Kong and Shanghai. Mr. Fairburn's visit was mainly in connection with police matters, but he also found time to see something of the methods of crime control used in Shanghai. The traffic situation in that city is much more serious than it is in Singapore, where the roads are wider and the pedestrian and vehicular traffic not as dense as it is in Shanghai.

In the Provisional Court of Appeals, judgment was rendered in connection with the appeal of a German named Teppers against a sentence imposed by the Court of First Instance of a year and ten months imprisonment for fraudulently obtaining goods from a number of complainants. Judges Zilar (presiding), Chiu, and Tsan, with whom sat Mr. H. E. Stevens, Senior Counsel's Deputy, in dismissing the appeal, stated that they could not do otherwise than to uphold the original decision.

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The past week has seen the passing of the Old (Chinese) Year with comparative peace ruling up and down the country. How the event was celebrated in Peking, Canton and Hong Kong is set forth in this week's issue of the "Overland Mail."

The Kwangsi regi in Canton seems to be settling down; the only item of interest from that centre during the past few days has been the report of the capture of 30 Communists near the city on New Year Eve. These were promptly shot.

In the North Gen. Feng Yu-hsiang and his troops are moving towards the capital, but are at least some 300 miles from this objective. There has been some fighting, an account of which appears in the "Overland."

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SPORTS

HOCKEY.

LOCALS DEFEAT MACAO VISITORS.

A team from the Macao Hockey Club met the Hong Kong University on the latter's ground yesterday evening and were defeated by four goals to two. Pedriau scored both goals for the Macao team while those for the University were obtained by Lam (2), Loke 1, and Enok 1.

Teams:
Macao:—P. Leite, R. R. Todd, G. B. Slipper, J. B. Delgado, F. da Costa (captain), E. C. Adkins, A. A. Mello, F. Thilo, F. Ramalho, A. C. Pedriau, and F. Plato.

Hong Kong:—P. L. Tan, G. S. Sculley, A. A. Rumjahn, P. C. Lim, K. T. Loke (captain), Y. C. Teh, G. E. Yeoh, K. P. Gran, C. K. Ong, C. W. Lam, and V. Enok.

Recreo Playing Macao.

The following will represent Club de Recreio in a friendly hockey match against the Macao Hockey Club at King's Park ground on Sunday at 10.30 a.m.:—

H. M. Barros, L. Carvalho, D. Souza, A. A. R. Botelho, J. E. Noronha, C. Basto, C. Roza Pereira, D. Lopes, H. A. Alves, R. C. Reed, J. A. da V. Soares.

Reserves.—H. Botelho, P. M. N. da Silva.

CLUB AND ARTILLERY.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI on the Club ground at King's Park on Tuesday, January 31, at 5 p.m. sharp:—F. S. Nicholls, L. A. R. Duncan (captain), L. F. Nicholson, W. R. Greenhalgh, Rev. J. P. Murray, Rev. N. Evans, R. R. Todd, A. C. Howell, R. K. Valentine, Capt. E. Jacobs-Larkcom, W. A. Nowers.

UNIVERSITY FIXTURES.

The following will represent the University 2nd XI in a friendly match against the C.S.C.G. 2nd XI on Saturday, at 2 p.m. on the Home ground:—A. Baker (captain), W. M. Gittins, Dr. M. B. Osman, B. N. Sudan, A. B. Suliman, K. T. Loke, S. B. Kermani,

LOCAL DERBY.

LATEST PRICES ON BIG EVENT.

Following are to-day's prices on ponies entered for the Hong Kong Derby, to be run on February 14:—

10/1.	Peck.
15/1.	Pickle.
33/1.	Harlene.
20/1.	Movanagher.
50/1.	U. Un II.
20/1.	Blackstone Hall.
25/1.	Guild Hall.
33/1.	Manor Hall.
4/1.	Duke of Verona.
12/1.	Young Pretender.
4/1.	Heir Apparent.
100/15.	Sitting Bull.
22/1.	Bakers Bay.
25/1.	Deepwater Bay.
100/16.	Monterey Bay.
25/1.	Comrade.
20/1.	Captain.
12/1.	New Year's Eve.
8/1.	Boxing Eve.
25/1.	Mish Mish.
8/1.	November.
25/1.	Handsome Stag.
9/1.	Winsome Stag.

YACHTING.

To-day is reserved for a re-sail, or other race for the racing classes.

To-morrow, according to the programme, the Cruisers are down to sail their 4th Championship race, the course being:—Duntum Rock (S), Mark in Discovery Bay (S), Mark on Club Line (P), Channel Rocks (S). Distance: 22.3 miles.

THE BROADCASTING OF SOCCER MATCHES AT HOME HAS BECOME QUITE COMMON, SO WE WILL NOW HEAR THE INTERPORT GAME BROADCASTED FROM SHANGHAI.



How Shanghai Won.

INTERPORT GOLF.

HONG KONG SURPRISES SHANGHAI.

LOCALS LEADING.

The result of yesterday's four-ball game between Shanghai and Hong Kong was as follow:—

T. D. E. Pendered and L. G. S. Dodwell	lost to M. W. Budd and A. R. Blinco, 10 and 9.
Capt. F. D. Erskine and Capt. H. F. Bloxham	beat H. R. Malcolm and J. F. Pilcher, 3 and 2.
L. R. Andrews and G. Murray	beat K. M. Cumming and A. V. Pettitt, 9 and 7.
The points up to date are:—	
Hong Kong (two matches)	8 points.
Shanghai (one match)	2 points.
Manila (one match)	2 points.

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To-day the two visiting teams (Shanghai and Manila) play off singles and fourball games.

Fanling Times.

The following starting times have been drawn for the old course at Fanling on Sunday.

9.24 a.m.	T. Low, S. T. Butlin.
9.28 a.m.	W. Ironside, J. D. Crawford.
9.32 a.m.	A. Nicol, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.36 a.m.	H. G. Hegarty, T. G. Weall.
9.40 a.m.	W. K. Tait, R. A. Mason.
9.44 a.m.	J. Coulthart, J. Cameron.
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10.00 a.m., A. Leach, A. B. Purves.

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10.08 a.m., J. P. Sherry, C. Mycock.

10.12 a.m., E. R. Halifax, E. D. Matthews.

10.16 a.m., W. A. Butterfield, J. W. Alabaster.

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10.28 a.m., S. A. Arthur, H. Spencer.

10.32 a.m., E. Stone, G. E. Costello.

10.36 a.m., T. Ramsay, F. Taylor.

10.40 a.m., A. R. Cox, D. M. Goodall.

10.44 a.m., W. L. Alexander, J. Harrrop.

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SCOTT AGGRAVED.

COMPLAINT ABOUT U. S. REFEREES.

TO TRY AGAIN.

London, January 7.

Charges of unfairness against American referees were laid by Phil Scott shortly after returning from his United States tour.

"Unless you knock a man out or beat him outside his own town you have little chance of getting the verdict," he alleged.

Scott claimed that he won every round of his fight against Johnny Risko, and declared that the ringside reporters and radio announcers upheld his opinion, but the referee gave him a raw deal. He hopes to meet Risko again when he returns to the United States in the spring.

He admitted that Knute Hansen caught him napping. He did not think that Hansen would start off with such a terrific rush. Scott warned British boxers that they must learn to step straight in from the first bell, if they want to get anywhere against Americans.

"We have been trained to be too slow," he declared. "Boxing always counts, but we have to be ready to meet the Americans half-way."

"Monte Hunn was beaten only very narrowly by Hansen, whereas I won all the way and practically knocked Hunn out. I should like to meet Hansen again and I see no reason why I should not best the best of them."

The American sporting public are good friends of Scott. He declared that all the jeering that he received after his fight with Hansen was for publicity purposes, and that the American people took it for what it was worth.—United Press.

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MOTORING SECTION**MOTOR ROADS.****THEIR POSSIBILITIES IN CHINA.****CANTON EXPERIMENTS.**

"R.T.G."—"During the last three weeks my car has developed the habit of boiling badly if I do even a small run at thirty miles an hour, or a bit of pull in second gear. I have been all over the engine and transmission, and can see nothing wrong; everything seems to be running freely, and the engine is not at all still; in fact, it is still as snappy as it was when new. I have tried flushing out the water-jackets, have checked the fan belt; in short, I have done everything that could possibly be done, yet the bus still persists in boiling. A peculiar thing about the whole thing is that the trouble started immediately after I had the car painted."

Assuming that the carburettor and ignition are adjusted correctly, the probable cause of the trouble is that you have a stoppage in the cooling system somewhere. It is quite likely that a portion of the inside coating of the hose connections has come adrift and floated down into one of the water passages, thus preventing the free flow of water. If the radiator honeycomb has been painted, it is quite possible that a surplus of paint has been put on the surface. This would have the effect of insulating the cooling surfaces, and would destroy the radiation properties of the honeycomb. Should this prove to be the case a strong solution of lye will effectively remove all the paint, and restore the radiator to its original shape.

"V.A.C."—"Is there any special type of vacuum tank for a Studebaker 1924 light six car? Some time ago I had the misfortune to damage the one that was originally fitted to the car, and ever since fitting the new one I have had trouble with the feed. I have carefully checked over the pipe lines, and as far as I can see the tank itself seems to be in perfect order. The trouble seems to come on when the engine has warmed up, or when it is on a steep pull with a wide open throttle."

Any standard size of tank would be suitable for the car you mention. Although there are several models of vacuum tanks, they are not entirely dependent on their size for the amount of petrol that they feed into the engine. This is controlled by the suction of the engine itself. Providing that all the joints to the tank and in the pipe line are airtight, the only possibility of a stoppage would be through having the tank set a little too low on the dashboard, or due to a very sharp bend in the pipe line, causing a partial stoppage of the petrol. To check up on this run the car to a slight grade, or on a place where a previous stoppage has occurred. Remove the cover of the float chamber of the carburettor, and take out the float. If the tank is in the right position the petrol should come into the bowl without difficulty, and should quickly overflow the chamber. If it will not do this it is evident that the tank is set too low. If the flow is very free and both the tank and pipe appear to be in order, the trouble may be due to a sticking float. This condition can be checked by removing the float while the engine is running, and regulating the flow of petrol to the carburettor, so that it does not overflow the bowl. Run the car, in this condition, over some ground that has previously caused trouble. If the engine does not stall, and the petrol supply is good, it will indicate that the trouble is in the float.

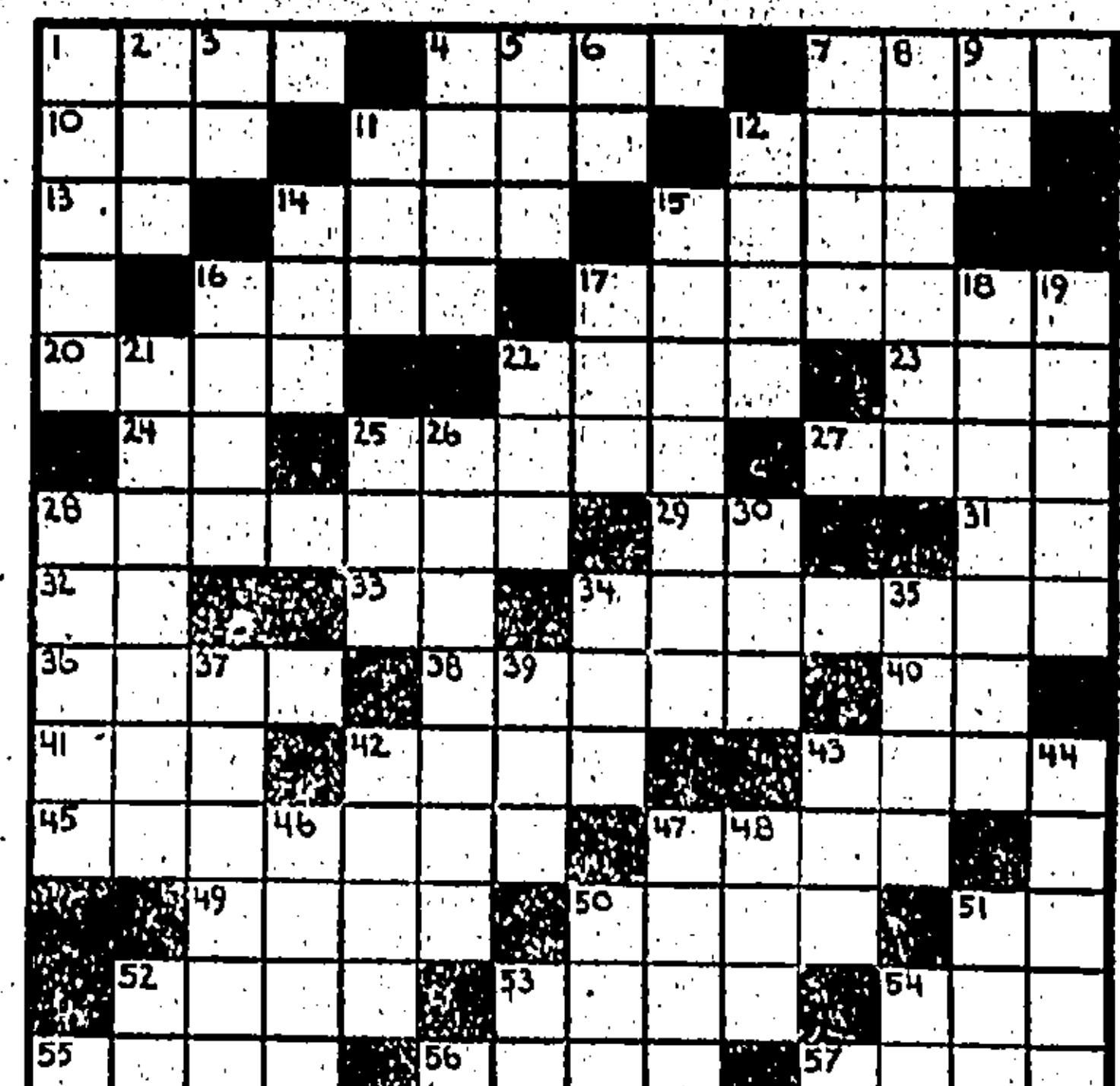
"Olds."—"I have a 1926 model car that has started to give trouble lately. While on a trip the other day, the engine suddenly petered out. I examined the petrol level, and checked over the ignition by breaking the primary circuit by hand, and everything seemed to be in order. I was able to start the car again after about five minutes, but ever since

any trouble. Should you find that it will not hold the charge for any length of time, it would perhaps be advisable to have it cleaned out at a service station. This should cost only a few shillings. By all means get the heavy-duty battery. It will last longer, and, due to its larger capacity, will be able to swing the engine over at a faster rate, which makes for easier starting, with a consequent less drain on current."

The old battery should take over the work of the radio set without

NOTES AND QUERIES.**DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)										VERTICAL (Cont.)									
1-A shellfish	36-Fine cambric	11-Conflict	12-Stop	13-Fungous disease of grain	14-Winnow, as grain	15-Wild animal	16-Sheet of glass	17-Play upon words	18-Browned	19-Varieties	20-Pork	21-Charge for hauling	22-Carpet	23-Spray	24-Closely confined	25-Layer	26-Bar used as lever	27-Small carnivorous animal	28-Part of verb "to be"
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7-Fungous disease of grain	40-Pronoun	41-To grow old	42-Covered with deep mud	43-Grant	44-Appreciate fully	45-Well balanced mentally	46-Part of verb "to be"	47-Occasionally	48-Confidential	49-Well balanced mentally	50-Malleable	51-Preposition	52-Closely confined	53-Fog	54-Single thing	55-Period of fasting	56-Hearty	57-Burn	
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12-Band	53-Fog	54-Single thing	55-Period of fasting	56-Hearty	57-Burn	58-Fine cambric	59-Confidential	60-Malleable	61-Preposition	62-Closely confined	63-Fog	64-Single thing	65-Period of fasting	66-Hearty	67-Burn	68-Fine cambric	69-Confidential	70-Fine cambric	
13-Prefix meaning out of	59-Confidential	60-Malleable	61-Preposition	62-Closely confined	63-Fog	64-Single thing	65-Period of fasting	66-Hearty	67-Burn	68-Fine cambric	69-Confidential	70-Fine cambric	71-Confidential	72-Fine cambric	73-Fog	74-Single thing	75-Period of fasting	76-Hearty	
14-Cultivated area	61-Preposition	62-Closely confined	63-Fog	64-Single thing	65-Period of fasting	66-Hearty	67-Burn	68-Fine cambric	69-Confidential	70-Fine cambric	71-Confidential	72-Fine cambric	73-Fog	74-Single thing	75-Period of fasting	76-Hearty	77-Burn	78-Fine cambric	
15-Bucket	62-Closely confined	63-Fog	64-Single thing	65-Period of fasting	66-Hearty	67-Burn	68-Fine cambric	69-Confidential	70-Fine cambric	71-Confidential	72-Fine cambric	73-Fog	74-Single thing	75-Period of fasting	76-Hearty	77-Burn	78-Fine cambric	79-Confidential	
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26-Celestial body	70-Fine cambric	71-Confidential	72-Fine cambric	73-Fog	74-Single thing	75-Period of fasting	76-Hearty	77-Burn	78-Fine cambric	79-Confidential	80-Fine cambric	81-Fine cambric	82-Fine cambric	83-Fine cambric	84-Fine cambric	85-Fine cambric	86-Fine cambric	87-Fine cambric	
28-Ecclesiastical dignitary	71-Confidential	72-Fine cambric	73-Fog	74-Single thing	75-Period of fasting	76-Hearty	77-Burn	78-Fine cambric	79-Confidential	80-Fine cambric	81-Fine cambric	82-Fine cambric	83-Fine cambric	84-Fine cambric	85-Fine cambric	86-Fine cambric	87-Fine cambric	88-Fine cambric	
29-Estate of energy	72-Fine cambric	73-Fog	74-Single thing	75-Period of fasting	76-Hearty	77-Burn	78-Fine cambric	79-Confidential	80-Fine cambric	81-Fine cambric	82-Fine cambric	83-Fine cambric	84-Fine cambric	85-Fine cambric	86-Fine cambric	87-Fine cambric	88-Fine cambric	89-Fine cambric	
31-Sanctified person (abbr.)	73-Fog	74-Single thing	75-Period of fasting	76-Hearty	77-Burn	78-Fine cambric	79-Confidential	80-Fine cambric	81-Fine cambric	82-Fine cambric	83-Fine cambric	84-Fine cambric	85-Fine cambric	86-Fine cambric	87-Fine cambric	88-Fine cambric	89-Fine cambric	90-Fine cambric	
32-Pronoun	74-Single thing	75-Period of fasting	76-Hearty	77-Burn	78-Fine cambric	79-Confidential	80-Fine cambric	81-Fine cambric	82-Fine cambric	83-Fine cambric</td									

